

SENATOR SUMNER'S GREAT SPEECH.

The throng of eager listeners who filled every seat and every inch of standing room in the Senate chamber Tuesday, attests the futility of General Grant's persecution of the distinguished Senator of Massachusetts. Long before the commencement of his speech, the ladies' gallery bloomed with new bonnets and more interesting faces; the diplomatic gallery was equally full and splendid; even the reporters' gallery had a sprinkling of ladies; the gentlemen's gallery was crowded to suffocation; members of the House were wedged in among Senators on the floor; the cloak-room was occupied; and multitudes hung about the doors and lobby, like swarming bees upon a hive. The proscribed orator had reason to be proud of a spectacle which showed how vain and abortive is the executive attempt to disgrace and crush him.

The speech is remarkable for the peripety of its statements, the decorum of its language, and the redundant sufficiency of its proofs. It is, in its main positions, convincing and unanswerable, showing even more skill in the selection of topics than in their treatment. With a reticence and discretion which reflect credit on the soundness of his judgment, Mr. Sumner forbears to discuss the question whether the acquisition of Santo Domingo is in itself desirable, although he does not conceal his opinion that it is not. He strikes directly at the vulnerable points of Gen. Grant's negotiations, and makes out so clear and strong a case as to preclude the possibility of any effective reply. He convicts the administration of flagrant, scandalous violations of public duty, establishing his accusations by the written testimony of its own agents and the authentic orders of the Navy Department.

Nothing could be more opportune than his selection of the time for the delivery of this crushing speech. The Santo Domingo Commission returned Washington just when Mr. Sumner's scathing exposure is the reigning sensation, and their report will sail in the wake of a speech which must break and nullify its influence.

Their glowing account of the fertility and resources of the island will be regarded as an impertinence by a public which is palpitating with indignation at the machinery of menace and intimidation set in motion by General Grant. It will be like a description of the surpassing beauty of a set of diamonds which a thief has undertaken to steal. They might be a desirable ornament if honestly obtained; but scores of the intended theft precludes any interest in the question of their value. It is more important that the national honor should be maintained, and the Constitution upheld, than that we should acquire half of an island in the Caribbean Sea about which the country never cared a straw until General Grant forced it upon our attention.

Mr. Sumner shows that, since the inception of this scheme, the President has kept the greater part of our effective vessels of war stationed in the waters and favoring about the shores of Santo Domingo, a means of influencing the negotiations. The object of this system of menace and terror is to uphold the usurper, Baez, who is plotting to sell his country, and to maintain him in power against the wishes of the Dominican people. The evidence adduced by Mr. Sumner on this chief head of accusation is conclusive and irresistible. The unprincipled usurper, Baez, has been kept in power for the last eighteen months by the intimidating presence of the United States navy in Dominican waters, and the open threats of our naval officers. The bare fact that a dozen of our most heavily armed vessels have been stationed in Dominican waters is, of itself, even without any explanatory documents, damning evidence of unjustifiable coercion. Why should the best part of the American navy be concentrated around that island? We have hardly any commerce in its ports; we have no merchant vessels there to be protected; we have no interest in the affairs of the island, beyond the factitious interest of annexation. A great naval force has been kept there for the sole purpose of intimidation. Baez, whose history Mr. Sumner sketches, and whose character he portrays with truthful coloring and scorching eloquence, was the only ruler through whom annexation was possible; and the navy of the United States has been prostituted to maintain him in power against the detestation of the Dominican people. What right had President Grant to use the navy for such a purpose? None whatever; and his intimidating interference with the domestic affairs of a foreign people is as gross a violation of the Constitution as it is of international law. Our naval officers, acting under peremptory instructions from Washington, have not scrupled to practice the most open intimidation both against the people of Santo Domingo and against the government of the neighboring republic of Hayti. For the last eighteen months there has been no freedom of action in either end of the island. The Haytian President has been insolently bullied by Rear-Admiral Poor, and threatened with vengeance if any of his vessels should be found in Dominican waters, or if his government should attempt to thwart the acquisition of the other end of the island by the United States. This unrighteous and unseemly display of insolence, arrogance, and force, is a national disgrace; and it is not only depicted by Mr. Sumner in strong and vivid colors, but, what is more to the purpose, it is proved by the accumulation of evidence which defies all contradiction. One of the chief witnesses is Babcock himself, the little incompetent fool, and tool of General Grant, who negotiated the rejected treaty. Another important witness is Mr. Hatch, a respectable American citizen who was kept in prison by Baez on false charges lest his truthful exposures should defeat the project of annexation. Other authentic proofs consist of the scandalous orders issued by the Navy Department to officers in the West Indies. Unless Mr. Sumner has forged the documents from which he quotes (which nobody will believe), the evidence against General Grant is absolutely overwhelming. He has usurped powers which belong only to Congress. He has violated the most important and sacred principles of international law.

Whatever may be the value of Santo Domingo, its acquisition by such methods would revolt the national sense of justice and be an indelible stain upon the national honor.

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The Republican Reform movement which has been initiated at Cincinnati by such active Republicans as ex-Secretary Cox, Judge Stanley Matthews and others, fairly reflect the great change in sentiment, in regard to some of the main points of Radical legislation, which has been apparent, for some time past, among the people of the West and Northwest. The declaration of principles enunciated by the Reform Republicans of Cincinnati covers the same ground that has been occupied by Democrats and Conservatives for several years past. It is only recently that the points at issue have made any impression upon men of the opposite party. They are:

1st. The removal of all political disabilities imposed on account of participation in the rebellion."

2d. A system of import duties for revenue exclusively, and not, as now, to bolster up special monopolies.

3d. A thorough reform in the civil service.

4th. The immediate passage of a law providing for a gradual but certain return to gold and silver as the only true basis of a specific currency.

All these measures of reform, it is claimed by Judge Matthews and those acting with him, should be carried out under the auspices of the Republican party. But here is where the troubles between the Republican reformer and their Radical allies commence. The latter are averse from granting a comprehensive measure of amnesty, and, indeed, from touching in any way the question of political disabilities. They are also—and the recent action of the Senate is conclusive evidence of the fact—decidedly opposed to any serious modification of the duties on imports.—They are zealous advocates of a high protective tariff, and consequently, of special legislation for the benefit of certain classes of miners and manufacturers. They might possibly sanction a Civil Service Reform bill, if they were sure it would perpetuate the holding of office by members of their own party. Fearing that it would not, they have simply agreed to put on General Grant the responsibility of the fitness of candidates to fill the various positions to which they aspire. Further than this, they do not appear disposed to go.

It is evident that the party, as at present organized, cannot work harmoniously with its two wings entertaining views of public policy so completely antipodal. Even on the income tax the Radicals, by the casting vote of Vice President Colfax, carried their point. When it comes to the question of holding the South in subjection, and of "trusting to the ordinary means to establish justice and enforce the rights of 'citizens'"—as one of the Republican journals advises—agreement seems to be impossible. One wing insists on the removal of political disabilities, the other on preservation. So also the Western and Northwestern Republicans demand a reduction of the import duties to a revenue standard, whilst the Northern Radicals stand by the policy of protection and the support of favorite monopolies. How is it possible for such differences to be reconciled? Party exigencies may, indeed, induce a temporary cohesion, but we are disposed to regard the Cincinnati Reform movement as another, and a striking evidence of the process of disintegration, which is now going on in the Republican ranks.

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